

SRCA NOTES

September, 2000

AUGUST TAC MEETING REPORT

The first meeting of the Sacramento River Conservation Area Technical Advisory Committee was held August 21st in Orland. Chairman Dan Keppen asked the committee for their suggestions regarding the voting procedure and process. The group decided that a consensus-based approach based on full, open discussion will be utilized initially. If an agreement on recommendations is not achieved in this manner, then a vote of the committee will be taken and reported to the Board.

A background briefing on the development of the Inner River Zone was given by Stacy Cepello, DWR, and discussed. At the next TAC meeting Koll Buer, DWR geologist, will cover the studies that have been done to understand river movement in Reach #3. Stacy and the Coordinator will prepare draft wording for the IRZ in Reaches #1 & #4.

The discussion on Hard Points began with a review by the Coordinator. He talked of the need to preserve the "function" of the activity, rather than the facility. Public need and investment would also be a consideration in determining Hard Points. The Committee requested that each County be asked to submit a list of possible Hard Points for the Committee to review in their discussions. It was also felt that a sub-committee should be established, and those interested in serving on it contact Dan or Burt.

The next meeting is set for 10am, Sept 21 at the Willows City Council Chambers in Red Bluff.

AUGUST SRCA BOARD MEETING

The Board meeting at the Enloe Conference Center in Chico was well attended and included a report by Dan Keppen on the TAC meeting; a discussion by Tim Ramirez from the Resources Agency on CALFED; and, a report by Jim McKevitt, US F & W S, on the CVPIA Anadromous Fish Restoration Program. Discussion from both the Board and audience provided an interesting dialogue, particularly on CALFED, where support for "Area of Origin" protections were voiced and concerns expressed as to the makeup of the proposed CALFED governing board. The Coordinator reported on two planning efforts, Hamilton City and Woodson Bridge. The Board voiced support for both proposals to be considered as Initial Projects under the Corps/Reclamation Board Comprehensive Study. A presentation on PILT payments to Counties will be scheduled for the next meeting.

The next meeting was set for 6:30pm Sept 28, at the Willows City Council Chambers at 201 N. Lassen Street in Willows.

CORPS COMP STUDY TEAM VISITS HAMILTON CITY AND WOODSON BRIDGE

The Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins Comprehensive Study Initial Projects Team visited a couple of proposed sites to try to gain more insight and local feel for the proposals. Both Hamilton City and Woodson Bridge area proposals were supported by the SRCA Board as projects to be included for Early Implementation. Actually, the Comp Study group has changed the designation of the proposals to be included in the request for Congressional funding from Early Implementation Projects to Initial Projects (IP). To meet the criteria for an Initial Project, a proposal must demonstrate clear flood damage reduction; have an ecosystem restoration component, be able to stand alone, separate from other Comprehensive Study efforts; and, have wide spread

support. Members of the IP Team also stressed that to qualify for inclusion into the funding proposal, the projects must also be justified by having a positive cost/benefit ratio.

The IP Team was headed by Sue Fry, Senior Project Manager and Alicia Kirchner, Lead Planner. Representatives from Butte, Glenn and Tehama Counties, including Supervisors Denny Bungarz, Keith Hansen and Bill Borrer, joined with other involved groups to provide the IP team with an on-the-ground look at the areas. Presentations at both sites were made by State Department of Water Resources personnel. It was clear that the Team welcomed the opportunity to see and hear firsthand from local representatives about the needs and concerns of both proposals. One of the main goals of the Sacramento River Conservation Area program is to bring local and diverse views to the table in planning projects within the Conservation Area.